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**TO:** Mr. James Bush  
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
H-405, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Jim:

Enclosed, per your request, is information  
regarding FDN and Sandinista casualties.  
Sorry for the delay.



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Enclosure

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Request for Casualty Figures

The Directorate for Intelligence has not kept a list of casualty figures for either the FDN or Nicaraguan military or civilians. According to the FDN, the FDN forces have suffered 115 killed in action and have killed 1,500 Sandinista forces since record keeping began in March 1982.

While we believe that the FDN have probably slightly exaggerated the number of Sandinistas they have killed during the past year, we believe that the FDN is killing 11-15 Sandinistas for every FDN member killed (a ratio of 11/15-1). It should be understood that this ratio is considered accurate for the period November 1982-May 1983 - the period of heaviest fighting inside Nicaragua.

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